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TIPPEGAN NEWS

Safety and Streets

On May 3rd the citizens of Tipp City will be asked to consider a *temporary* increase in the local income tax to support the repairing, replacing and improving of the City's infrastructure. The income tax issue is comprised of two components. First, a 0.25% increase in the income tax effective July 1, 2011 for a period of 10 years targeted specifically for capital improvements. Second, the continuation of the current 0.25% Parks CIP levy for capital improvements for a 10 year period, effective January 1, 2013.

The *temporary* income tax increase will generate an additional \$13,000,000 over the ten year period with \$5,000,000 being reinvested in public safety (Police,

Fire & EMS) and \$8,700,000 being reinvested in repairing, maintaining and improving City streets.

Who Will Pay the Tax

- ☛ City income tax is *not* applied to *traditional retirement income*, such as social security, investment income, annuities or other sources of retirement income
- ☛ Residents working in cities with a higher tax rate will *not* see an increase in their tax liability as a result of this temporary tax increase
- ☛ A resident making \$50,000 annually who works in Tipp City would pay an additional \$125 per year ☛

Fire and EMS Services

Tipp City's Fire Department is comprised of one part-time Chief and 23 paid-on-call volunteer firefighters. That means that they get paid \$11-\$16 per hour for every fire call that they respond to. In 2010 the total expenditures of the Tipp City Fire Department was \$137,106. The City has a contract with Monroe Township for the City to provide fire protection services for the Township. That contract generated \$73,357 in 2010. Therefore, the net cost to operate the Tipp City Fire Department in 2010 was \$63,749, or less than \$7 per resident.

The Tipp City EMS Department is comprised of a full-time Chief plus part-time and volunteer EMT's and paramedics. Total expenditures for the EMS Department in 2010 totaled \$731,243. The City also has a contract with the Monroe Township for the provision of EMS services and bills for City and Township ambulance runs. Total receipts in 2010 for EMS billing was \$426,767. Thus, the net cost to operate the Tipp City EMS Department in 2010 was \$304,476, or \$33 per resident. When compared to surrounding communities, the City's Fire/EMS costs compare very favorably.

	Municipality	Population	2010 Actual	2010 Cost Per Capita
Fire/ EMS Cost Comparison	Sidney	20,211	\$ 3,434,706	\$ 170
	Troy	21,999	\$ 3,142,317	\$ 143
	Piqua	20,738	\$ 2,814,346	\$ 136
	Vandalia	14,603	\$ 1,038,540	\$ 71
	Tipp City	9,221	\$ 368,225	\$ 40

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Citizen's Committee

On October 4, 2010 City Council appointed a Citizen's Capital Improvement Program Review Committee comprised of 21 volunteers to evaluate the long-term capital needs of the City and to make a recommendation to Council on how best to fund those needs. The Committee met seven (7) times over a two month period reviewing the City's finances, viewing the City's infrastructure needs, receiving overviews of departmental operations and discussing specific projects with department heads. In reviewing the proposed 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), the Committee removed \$2,340,322 in items/projects that it felt were not immediate or priority needs. The CIP Committee reviewed several alternatives for funding the City's long-term capital needs. Ultimately, the vast majority of Committee members supported and recommended the income tax levy that is on the May 3rd ballot. Major projects proposed in the 10-Year CIP include:

- ☛ A new aerial ladder truck for the volunteer Fire Department to replace the City's aging 35-year old ladder truck;
- ☛ Renovation/expansion of the Fire/EMS station to accommodate 24-hour EMS staffing and a new ladder truck;
- ☛ A comprehensive street resurfacing program. The City has not resurfaced residential streets since 2007 because of insufficient capital funds; and
- ☛ Reconstruction of Franklin Street (between Third and Second), Dow Street (from Hyatt to Fifth and from Hyatt to Rohrer), and S. Third Street (from Elm to Maple Hill). These streets lack adequate storm water systems and in some cases do not have curb and gutter, which has led to their deterioration. ☛

Street Projects If Income Tax Levy Passes

The City has not undertaken a street resurfacing program since 2007 due to insufficient revenue and skyrocketing asphalt costs. In 2002 the cost to resurface one lane mile of roadway was \$74,000. By 2010, the cost had increased to \$133,000 per mile. Engineering guidelines recommend that streets be resurfaced every 12-15 years. Many of the City's "newer" subdivisions such as Cottonwood Creek, Windmere and Springhill are more than 20 years old while others, such as: Hampton Woods, Manchester Chase, Oakwinds and Sycamore Woods are more than 15 years old and have yet to be resurfaced. There are no plans to resurface any of these streets without the passage of this levy. Furthermore, other areas of town are in excess of 30 years since their streets were constructed or since the streets were last resurfaced. The proposed 10-year Capital Improvement Plan allocates \$400,000 annually for a comprehensive, city-wide street resurfacing program. This investment correlates to a 20-year resurfacing program designed to address the City's neediest streets first. If approved, the temporary income tax increase would fund the resurfacing of the following streets during the first five years:

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Barbara	Baneberry	Blauser	Burr Oak	Banyon Tree
Bellview	Cottonwood Creek	Bowman	Chevington Chase	Claymore
Bowman	Douglas	Burr Oak	Co Rd 25-A, N	Donn Davis Way
Commerce Prk	Fern Ave	Charrington	Copperfield	Fourth, S
Dow, W	Fern Ct	Chaucer	Plum, W	Hardwick
Earl	Kilgore	Chelsea	Stone Ridge Pl	Kyle
Heartwood	Lantana	Chestnut		Oak Lea
Hyatt, S	Larkspur	Columbine		Pinehurst
Industry Park	Michael Pl	Crane St		Plum, E
Judith	Peters	Dow, W		Redwood
Nelson	Seventh, S	German, W		Sixth, S
Red Oak	Sixth, N	Hickory Hill		Stonehenge
Rolling Acres	Stonecress	Larch		Tallow Tree Way
Smith	Tweed Rd	Sequoia		Walnut, W
Sycamore Ct	Walnut, W	South, W		Winston
Weller, N	Warner	Stone Ridge Ct		
Wells	Willow Glen, S	Tamarack		
Willow Glen, N		Whispering Pines		
Wilson				

Fire and EMS Services

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The Fire Department's ladder truck is more than 35 years old and still has its original tires. The estimated cost to replace this vital piece of firefighting equipment is \$900,000. If the next ladder truck is kept for another 35 years, the average annual cost for the ladder truck would be \$25,700. Furthermore, 60% of the City's fire trucks are currently beyond their expected useful life and will need to be replaced at some point in the future. The Fire/EMS Station is insufficient to support the 24-hour-a-day operations of the EMS Department and the training requirements of both the EMS and Fire Departments. The expansion and renovation plans for the Fire/EMS Station are designed to meet the minimum needs of the departments for the foreseeable future. Reinvesting in the Fire and EMS Departments ensures that the necessary equipment and training will be available to protect the citizens and businesses of Tipp City. 🌿

Streets To Be Reconstructed If Income Tax Levy Passes

DOW STREET Rohrer Street to Fifth Street
Reconstruction of roadway including:

- 🔧 Curb and gutter
- 🔧 Sidewalks
- 🔧 New storm sewer system

S. THIRD STREET Elm Street to railroad
Reconstruction of roadway including:

- 🔧 Curb and gutter
- 🔧 Sidewalks
- 🔧 New storm sewer system
- 🔧 Upgrading of 4-inch water line to an 8-inch water line

FRANKLIN STREET Third Street to Second Street

Reconstruction of roadway including:

- 🔧 Curb and gutter
- 🔧 Sidewalk along one side
- 🔧 New storm sewer system 🌿



Important City Contacts

- 🔧 **Automated Attendant/Direct Connect** 669-TIPP
- 🔧 **Police, Fire and EMS (EMERGENCY)** 9-1-1
- 🔧 **Miami County Communications Center (Non-Emergency)** 440-9911
- 🔧 **Police (Non-Emergency)** 667-3112
- 🔧 **Fire and EMS (Non-Emergency)** 667-9199 or 667-1680
- 🔧 **Utility Billing** 667-8424
- 🔧 **Planning/Zoning** 667-6305
- 🔧 **Engineering and Utilities** 667-6305
- 🔧 **Refuse Collection (Waste Management)** 866-695-3433
- 🔧 **Service Center (Parks and Streets)** 667-8234
- 🔧 **City Manager's Office** 667-8425
- 🔧 **Clerk of Council** 667-8425
- 🔧 **Construction Notice Update** 667-6293